



Arizona Medical Board

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FINAL MINUTES FOR EMERGENCY TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Held on March 7, 2008

9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

Board Members

William R. Martin III, M.D., Chair
Douglas D. Lee, M.D., Vice Chair
Dona Pardo, Ph.D., R.N., Secretary
Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Patricia R.J. Griffen
Ram R. Krishna, M.D.
Todd A. Lefkowitz, M.D.
Lorraine L. Mackstaller, M.D.
Paul M. Petelin Sr., M.D.
Germaine Proulx
Amy J. Schneider, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

The following Board Members participated telephonically: Dr. Goldfarb, Dr. Krishna, Dr. Lee, Dr. Lefkowitz, Dr. Martin, Ms. Proulx, and Dr. Schneider. The following Board Members were absent: Ms. Griffen, Dr. Mackstaller, Dr. Pardo, and Dr. Petelin.

Call to the Public

There was no one present to speak during the call to public.

NO.	CASE NO.	COMPLAINANT v PHYSICIAN		LIC. #	RESOLUTION
1.	MD-08-0145A	AMB	ABRAHAM J. SAYEGH, M.D.	18816	Summary Suspension.

Kathleen Muller, Physician Health Program Manager, summarized the case for the Board. Dr. Sayegh participated in the Board's Monitored Aftercare Program (MAP) from 1990 through 1994 under a confidential agreement. He relapsed in 1998 and was placed on probation with MAP participation from 1999-2004. On February 22, 2008 the Board received an anonymous complaint alleging Dr. Sayegh had a substance abuse problem. Dr. Sayegh underwent a urine and hair drug screen in which he tested positive for Oxycodone and later admitted to Staff that he relapsed. Staff informed Dr. Sayegh that according to the Board's "three strikes" policy, he would be required to surrender his medical license as this was his third strike. Staff offered him an Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction and a Consent Agreement for Surrender of License. Dr. Sayegh did not sign either consent agreement. Ms. Muller explained to the Board that based upon the preponderance of evidence, this matter required emergency action.

Dr. Martin stated that based upon the fact that the Board had been presented with credible evidence that Dr. Sayegh was a possible danger to the public this emergency meeting was being held without twenty four hours notice.

MOTION: Dr. Krishna moved to summarily suspend Dr. Sayegh's license based upon an imminent threat to public health and safety.

SECONDED: Ms. Proulx

Dr. Lee was unable to participate in the roll call vote due to technical difficulties.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board Members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Goldfarb, Dr. Krishna, Dr. Lefkowitz, Dr. Martin, Ms. Proulx, and Dr. Schneider. The following Board Members were absent: Ms. Griffen, Dr. Lee, Dr. Mackstaller, Dr. Pardo, and Dr. Petelin.

VOTE: 6-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 5-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board clarified that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively required emergency action. The Board further clarified that it found Dr. Sayegh was in violation of A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(f) - Habitual intemperance in the use of alcohol or habitual substance abuse.



The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa S. Wynn", written in a cursive style.

Lisa S. Wynn, Executive Director